

#### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

- Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. Annual neighborhood cleanup
- Monday, May 16, 6:30 p.m. Ronald Manescu, District Justice

# LIBRARY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING MARCH MINUTES

**Frank Whelan** spoke about Herbert Paul Lentz, who lived at 125 South Jefferson Street and was the first Lehigh County resident to die in World War I

The Allentown Zeitgeist of that time, influenced by the strong Germanic heritage of the area, was to stay neutral. However, war production flourished in the Lehigh Valley. Bethlehem Steel was the largest provider of armaments to the U.S. military.

With the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915, events heated up. There is a question about Dr. Theodore Otto trying to get workers at a munitions plant to produce dud shells. It was never proven if he was a spy.

Herbert Paul Lentz was born in Friedens in 1899, and moved to Allentown about 1915. He joined the Navy and was assigned to the destroyer Jacob Jones, on Convoy duty in the Atlantic. In 1917, a German U-Boat torpedoed the destroyer. It was the first U.S. destroyer lost in combat.

Lentz escaped in a life raft. He rescued three

people from the water. When he attempted to reach a fourth person, he disappeared in the water. He died at age 18.

In 1918, the American Legion was founded in Paris. After the war, the Herbert Paul Lentz American Legion post was located on South 7<sup>th</sup> Street and remained there until closing in the 1980s.

Renee Smith: introduced herself as a candidate for the Court of Common Pleas. A native of the Lehigh Valley, she said she has served for 25 years in the District Attorney's Office. Most recently, she has been responsible for the prosecution of all DUI cases.

Other Concerns: Residents of North 13<sup>th</sup> Street were notified the city wants the sycamore tree in front of their home taken down to complete a street and sidewalk project. The tree does not appear in anyway diseased or dying; the neighbors don't want it down. We have asked for a response from the City.

#### WHILE YOU ARE SPRING CLEANING, DON'T FORGET YOUR MEDICINE CABINETS

If you have unused, unwanted and expired medications, you can safely dispose of them at Wegman's Supermarket, 3900 Tilghman St., Allentown, from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30.** Allentown Police Officers will be collecting the medications. Please - no sharpies or syringes will be accepted.

### MIENTRAS USTED ESTÁ DE LIMPIEZA DE PRIMAVERA, NO OLVIDE SU BOTIQUÍN.

Si tiene medicamentos no utilizados, no deseados y de vencimiento, con seguridad puede disponer de ellos en Wegman's Supermercado, 3900 Tilghman St., Allentown, de las **10 a.m. a 2 p.m. el Sábado, 30 de Abril**. La Policía de Allentown estará colectando los medicamentos. Por favor - no agujas o jeringas serán aceptadas.

CLIP & SAVE IMPORTANT PH	HONE NUMBERS
To Report	Number
Police/Fire/Ambulance	911
Police: Non-Emergency	
(call to report graffiti)	610-437-7751
Loud Music/Noise/	
working on cars in street	610-437-7751
Chief MacLean	610-437-7777
Police: Vice Unit	610-437-7626
Gang Tip Line	610-439-5934
Crime Tip Line	610-439-5911
Mayor Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Zoning Office	610-437-7630
Code Enforcement/	
Problem Properties	610-437-7695
Housing/Rentals	610-437-7697
- Roach, insect or mice infestation	
- No heat or water	
Recycling, trash & garbage	610-437-8729
Special Operator (after 7 p.m.)	610-437-7571
Graffiti (to request removal)	610-437-8729
Tall grass & weeds	610-437-8729
Shopping cart pick up	610-437-8729
Sweep Officer	610-437-8729
Animal Control	610-437-7535
Animal abuse/neglect	610-797-1205
Overgrown shrubs	610-437-7589
Uncleared sidewalks	610-437-7589
Allentown Parking Authority	610-437-3366

#### GUARDE ESTOS NÚMEROS DE TELÉFONO IMPORTANTES

#### PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG PLEASE!

When you are walking your dog, please bring a baggie to pick up after your animal. Having a dog can be good friendship and good exercise, but please don't leave anything behind for your neighbors to pick up. That way you can avoid SWEEP tickets and fines.

#### RECOJA DESPUES DE SU PERRO, POR FAVOR!

Cuando usted está caminando su perro, por favor traiga una bolsa para recoger los excrementos de su animal. Tener un perro puede ser una buena amistad y buen ejercicio, pero por favor no deje nada detrás que sus vecinos tengan que recoger. De esta manera usted puede evitar multas de SWEEP.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP AND LUNCHEON EVERYONE INVITED!

Come one, come all for LANA's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighborhood Clean-Up at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 23 starting at the Allentown Library on 12th and Hamilton.

Each year, with the help of volunteers from Keenan House, we have sent teams across our neighborhood cleaning streets and alleys and adjacent parkland. Each year we have taken out big piles of trash and we are proud of what we've done.

So join us in giving our neighborhood a Spring Cleaning. Bring gloves and suntan lotion. Allentown's Recycling Center will provide bags and tools.

After our clean up finishes, around noon or 12:30 pm, we are invited to enjoy a luncheon at Lehigh Valley Presbyterian Church, 31 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St. We enjoyed this very much last year and are looking forwards to it again.

If there are places that need cleaning badly, call Nick at 610-770-1751 and we will put it on our list. See you all then!

## LIMPIEZA DE VECINDARIO Y ALMUERZO TODO EL MUNDO INVITADO!

Venga uno, vengan todos para la séptima edición de LANA Limpieza de Vecindarios a las 10 a.m. Sábado, 23 de Abril partir de la Allentown Biblioteca en las calles 12 y Hamilton.

Cada año, con la ayuda de voluntarios de Keenan House, hemos enviado equipos de limpieza a través de la calles, callejones y parques adyacentes de nuestro barrio. Cada año hemos sacado grandes montones de basura y estamos orgullosos de lo que hemos hecho.

Así que nos unan en dar a nuestra vecindad una limpieza de primavera. Traigan guantes y crema solar. El Centro de Reciclaje proporcionará bolsas y herramientas.

Después de limpieza, como a las 12:30, se nos invita a disfrutar de un almuerzo en Lehigh Valley Presbyterian Church, 31 S. 13th St. Disfrutamos mucho este almuerzo el año pasado.

Si hay lugares que necesitan limpieza, llame a Nick al 610-770-1751 y lo pondremos en nuestra lista. ¡Nos vemos entonces!

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